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1. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ANY INITIATIVE FOR OR AGAINST THE POSSIBLE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OR DEPLOYMENT OF ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS. WE CAN EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEFTIST PARTIES AND PRESS HERE, AS ELSEWHERE, WILL STRONGLY CONDEMN SUCH US ACTION.

2. SO FAR, THE INTEREST DISPLAYED ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB IN THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE HAS NOT BEEN MATCHED HERE. THERE WAS A BRIEF FLURRY OF ALARMIST STATEMENTS BY SOME OPPOSITION LEADERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF JULY 12 BUT LITTLE, IF ANY, INTEREST HAS BEEN SHOWN IN THE MATTER SINCE THEN BY POLITICAL FIGURES OR THE NEWS MEDIA. TO DATE, NONE OF OUR CIVILIAN OR MILITARY CONTACTS HAS RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH MISSION OFFICERS.

3. IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE GOG SEES NO NEED TO TAKE A POSITION
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ON THE MATTER, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. IT PROBABLY BELIEVES THAT GREECE NEED NOT TAKE A FIRM POSITION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB OR ITS DEPLOYMENT UNTIL THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED AND SETTLED BETWEEN THE US AND THE WEST EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF NATO.
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